

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

WASHINGTON

MAY 20 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Members of the Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: Plans for Coordinating Psychological Operations
During General Hostilities.

The Executive Secretary of NSC has informed me that the Council, with the exception of the President, together with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Defense Mobilization, have concurred in the Board's Plan, circulated as NSC 127, subject to the revision of paragraph 19 to read as follows:

"19. Appropriate information facilities and personnel of the Department of State and other overt executing agencies in areas which have become military theaters of operations shall, to the extent consistent with responsibilities defined in paragraph 10 of Section VI preceding, be made available to the U.S. military commander designated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in that theater under statutory and other competent authority during the approximate time of military control in that area. Plans for orderly transfer, and later return, of these information facilities and personnel of the Department of State and other overt executing agencies shall be coordinated by the Psychological Strategy Board."

Mr. Lay has also referred the Plan to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget whose comments are attached. Mr. Lay has asked that prior to submitting the matter to the President for consideration he would appreciate having the Board's comments on the position taken by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

My staff has discussed the paper with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget and it is my understanding that the Bureau will be satisfied with the Plan if the specific changes are adopted which were recommended for paragraphs 19 and 20.

Although these changes will accord a lower priority to war-time planning under this paper as against planning for the present, I am not inclined to resist the Bureau's changes. Accordingly,

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I recommend that I be authorized to advise Mr. Lay that the Board will accept these amendments without objection.

I hope that we can dispose of this matter at our luncheon next Thursday.

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Director

Attachment:
BOB Comments

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